

Record of Joseph and David Brearley.

17 Joseph, s. David (4), b. Spring Grove farm, Aug. 6, 1742, m. Rachel M. Clary of Lawrenceville, N. J. Capt. 2d. battalion, 1st. establishment, Nov. 20, 1775: Capt. 2d. battalion, 2d. establishment, Nov. 29, 1776. Promoted in 1777 to Major, and served the rest of the war, and without compensation, as Aid to Gen. Washington. After the war he became a General of Militia. 9 children. d at the old Brearley homestead (Spring Grove farm), Jan. 12, 1805. Buried with Rachel, his wife, in Stony Brook Cemetery, near Lawrenceville, N. J. While he was not a member of the "Cincinnati" he was eligible to membership, and his lineal male descendant can still claim a membership, which will be created upon the payment of the fee of \$250. and proof of descent. During his lifetime Spring Grove farm was a general headquarters for the Revolutionary army officers. His granddaughter Louisa has supplied the following interesting item concerning him:— He not only received no compensation as an officer during the Revolutionary War, but every pound of meat and every bushel of grain that ~~he~~ could be spared from the farm was sent to supply the troops. I heard grandma say that, impatient of the rigid economy, she exclaimed, "Father, I believe you grudge every piece of meat I take from the casks." The old patriot replied: "Oh, Rachel, remember how hungry the boys must be in camp."

18. David, s. of David (4), b. at Spring Grove farm June 11, 1745. Practiced law in Allentown N. J., m. to Elizabeth Mullen of Trenton, about 1767. Proof of this marriage exists in a deed signed by himself and "Elizabeth, his wife" and witnessed by Harriet Luttrel, now in the possession of Miss Louisa Brearley of Trenton. Became early and prominently indentified with colonial resistance to the British, and was arrested for high treason, but liberated by a mob of his fellow citizens. Became Lieut. Col. of 4th battalion of 2^d establishment, Nov. 28, 1776, and Lieut. Col. 1st regiment, Jan. 1777. Elected Chief Justice of N. J. June 18, 1779 (aged 34), an office which he held 11 years or until 1789. The College of N. J. made him Master of Arts in 1781. His first wife having died Aug. 3, 1777, he was m. again April 17, 1783, to Elizabeth Higbee. In 1783 he was made Vice President of the N. J. Society of the Cincinnati. (His membership descended to his son David and afterwards to Charles B. Hopkins, who is the grandson of his daughter Mary who married Ebenezer Hopkins.) He was one of the compilers of the 1785 Episcopalian prayer book, and a delegate to the general convention of that body June 20-26, 1786, in Christ's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. In 1787 was appointed by the N. J. legislature a delegate to the convention which framed the U. S. constitution and signed it, and afterwards presided

at a State convention which ratified it. In 1788 was a presidential elector to elect Gen. Washington President. He, November 1789, resigned office of Chief Justice to accept the office of Judge of the U. S. District Court. From 1786 to 1790 was Grand Master of State Masonic order, and at Bridgeton, N. J., two Masonic bodies are now named after him viz, Brearley Chapter No. 6 and Brearley Lodge No. 2. Was a Colonel of militia after the war until his death. Had 7 children, 4 by the first wife and 3 by the last wife, d. Monday, Aug. 16, 1790. Funeral with military and Masonic honors Wednesday A. M. Aug. 18, 1790. Buried adjoining St. Michael's Church, in Trenton N. Y. In 1814 a portrait of the judge was hanging in the Brearley Lodge at Bridgeton, but has now disappeared. His army camp desk was given by his grandniece Louisa to W. H. Brearley. During his early life as an attorney, he sent to the Herald's College, and obtained the family coat of arms, which he used as a bookmark. The device was that shown upon the reverse of this chart, but the crest was a demi-lion rampant, instead of the wings and cross. The reason for this change is not positively known, but probably indicates the privilege of the younger sons or another branch of the family. This matter of the coat of arms is of little importance now, except as it assists us

to establish our descent from James Brearley⁴, for we know that Judge David Brearley, over 100 years ago, and while his father was living, obtained and used the same coat of arms that was granted to James Brearley. This, at present, is the single link of evidence by which to connect John⁽¹⁾ who was born about 1645, to James Brearley of York England, who was born about 1515. Other evidence undoubtedly exists, and in due time will probably appear. David Brearley was a member of the 1st convention to draft a constitution prior to 1781. The British offered £100 reward for the capture of any member of that constitutional convention, and he and his brother used to come to the old homestead like hares to a burrow, watched by their Tory neighbors and relatives, eager for the reward.

1. John Brearley, b. York England about 1645. Settled 1680 at Maidenhead (now Lawrenceville) near Trenton, N. J., on what is now known as the "Spring Grove" farm. Old house, over 200 yrs old, still standing. Built with a "new part" built on about 100 yrs. ago by Joseph B. Owned 1,600 acres of land near Newton N. J., in Hardwick Township, a 100 acre plantation on the Delaware, near the historical Washington crossing, besides several thousand acres of land near Lawrenceville, and extending on the Assanpink River from the Five to the Eight Mile Run. His original will was presented by Miss Louisa Brearley to W. H. Brearley of Detroit Mich., copy is on file at the State House, Trenton. 6 children. He died 1720. His wife Sarah, d. 1731.

2. John, s. of John (1) 2 children

8. John, s. of John (2) 3 children

21. James, s. of John (8) m. 1st. Esther Johnes, and 2nd Penelope Cook, Had 11 children, 8 by first wife, and 3 by the last wife.

50. Stephen J., s. of James (21) lived for 50 years 8 miles north of Danville, ~~Mon~~ Montour County, Pa., Had 9 children

109. Stephen J., s. of Stephen J. (50) b. at Washingtonville, Pa., Aug. 13, 1828 m. at Dansville, Pa., Oct. 21, 1852 to Mary M. Blue. Had 6 children. Moved to Illinois in 1882. Now living at Meriden Ill.

208. Elizabeth J., dau. of Stephen J. (109) born at Washingtonville, Pa., June 24, 1853. d. March 25, 1855.
209. David B., s. of Stephen J. (109) b. at Washingtonville Pa., Oct. 6, 1856, d. Oct. 15, 1861.
210. Marietta, dau. Stephen J. (109) b. at Washingtonville Pa., Aug. 26 1860, m. at Muncy Oct. 27, 1880, to Alfred A. Kutz. Has 3 children living (H. Grace, Jennie L., and W. Brearley Kutz) Resides at Hughesville Pa.
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211. Hattie R., dau. Stephen J. (109) b. at Exchange Pa. March 26, 1864. Resides at ~~Meriden~~ Meriden Ill.
212. Clarence H., s. of Stephen J. (109) b. at Watsonstown, Pa., May 26, 1869 Lives at Meriden Ill.
213. Ralph, s. of Stephen J. (109) b. at Muncy Pa., June 1, 1879. Resides at Meriden, Ill.